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The House convenes at 2 p.m.

On June 26, Gov. Rick Perry issued a proclamation calling the second special session of the 83rd Legislature to begin at 2 p.m. on Monday, July 1, 2013.

The governor's proclamation states that the purpose of the special session is to consider legislation related to:

- the regulation of abortion procedures, providers, and facilities;
- the funding of transportation infrastructure projects; and
- establishing a mandatory sentence of life with parole for a capital felony committed by a 17-year-old offender.

Today's *Daily Floor Report* briefly reviews special session House rules and procedures on the following page.



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SPECIAL SESSION HOUSE RULES AND PROCEDURES

The rules and procedures for regular sessions also apply to special sessions, with a few exceptions:

- Notice of committee public hearings must be posted at least 24 hours in advance during special sessions, rather than five calendar days as during a regular session (House Rule 4, sec. 11(a));
- Calendars and printed copies of bills for second reading must be provided electronically at least 24 hours before they may be considered, rather than 36 hours as during a regular session (Rule 6, sec. 16(a); Rule 8, sec. 14(a));
- During the final five days of a special session, Sundays excepted, rather than the final 10 days as during a regular session, speeches are limited to 10 minutes and may not be extended (Rule 5, sec. 28);
- Prefiling of legislation may begin 30 days before the start of a special session (Rule 8, sec. 7);
- Under the procedure for bills reported unfavorably from committee, the deadline for filing a signed minority report is one day during the final seven calendar days of a special session, rather than the final 15 days as during a regular session, before the bill is considered dead (Rule 4, sec. 29).

For more information on House rules and procedures, including for special sessions, see HRO Focus Report 83-2, *How a Bill Becomes Law: 83rd Legislature*, February 20, 2013, at <http://www.hro.house.state.tx.us/pdf/focus/hwbill83.pdf>.